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Claims 1, 5, 6, 11 and 12 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 1, 5 and 6 are allowed and Claims 11 and 12 stand rejected by the Examiner. Applicants note that all amendments of Claims presented herein are made without acquiescing to any of the Examiner's arguments or rejections, and solely for the purpose of expediting the patent application process in a manner consistent with the PTO's Patent Business Goals (PBG),¹ and without waiving the right to prosecute the amended Claims (or similar Claims) in the future.


In the present Office Action Claims, 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as allegedly lacking enablement (Office Action, pg. 4). The Applicants respectfully disagree. However, in order to further the business interests of the Applicants and while reserving the right to prosecute the original (or similar) claims in the future, the Applicants have Canceled Claims 11-12. As such, the rejection is moot. As the only claims remaining in the case have been allowed by the Examiner (Claims 1, 5, and 6), the Applicants respectfully request that the case be passed to allowance.

¹ 65 Fed. Reg. 54603 (Sept. 8, 2000).

CONCLUSION

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, the Applicant encourages the Examiner to call the undersigned collect at (608) 218-6900.

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